

ALLOWANCE

Substitute Specification

The substitute specification filed March 10, 2010 has been received and is acknowledged. A statement that no new matter has been added can be found in the letter filed June 7, 2010.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sadao Kinashi on June 1, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, lines 1-2, delete "before the welding:" and insert therefor --before welding:--.

Claim 1, line 6, delete "0.1%" and insert therefor --0.1 weight %--.

Claim 1, line 7 delete "0.5%" and insert therefor --0.5 weight %--.

Claim 1, line 7, delete "said weld portion" and insert therefor --said weld-area--.

Claim 1, lines 9-10, delete "said alloy material of composition in which contents of B and Si are" and insert therefor --said alloy material in which the contents of B and Si are--.

Claim 1, line 10, delete "5%" and insert therefor --5 weight %--.

Cancel claims 8-11.

Support for Examiners Amendment

Support for the examiners amendment indicating that the compositional proportions are in weight percent can be found in the original disclosure filed August 28, 2008, in paragraphs 0010, 0011, and 0021.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam C. Krupicka whose telephone number is (571)270-7086. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer McNeil can be reached on (571) 272-1540. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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